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I send greetings to those celebrating Public Service Recognition Week.

Public service is a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship. Since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week has honored the men and women who serve in government at the Federal, State, and local levels. These individuals help keep our country's institutions running and help ensure that government services meet the needs of every taxpayer.

During this historic time, we all have opportunities to contribute and make a difference in our Nation. Through the USA Freedom Corps, my Administration encourages all citizens to get involved and give back to their communities. By working together, we can strengthen our country and build a culture of service in America.

I commend all those dedicated to helping others, and I applaud public servants for your leadership and patriotism.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a memorable week.

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